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Thinking Out Loud

By H. M. L.

This is our second Christmas in World War No. 2. Let us be realist (this word is overworked) enough to face the hard fact that for most of us it is not a happy Christmas. It is filled with anxiety for those youngsters we love, who are out there in front. If only facing this fact would force the great majority of us here in this land, untouched by the physical ravages of war, to face the other fact, the great crushing burden of fault that lies with the older generation in not resolutely seeing to it, after 1918, that this war could not occur.

If we are really contrite this time, we shall not have another war for many generations. If we set up the right plan and guard it zealously, year after year, there will be peace. As long as we, the American people, and the British, with high ideals and high standards of living, are ready to fight to defend the principles that have made the two nations the furtherest advanced in civilization, we shall have peace. It will cost tremendous sums, but it will be cheaper, far cheaper, than war, and it will save the blood spilling and the loss of our young men.

If we oldsters, who remember well the lesson of the last war, do not have that sense of guilt and contrition, we are hopelessly lost. War will follow war, as in the Hundred Years War, until it becomes the normal condition for the vast majority of earth's peoples. Now that we are assured of victory, so far as arms are concerned, let us bend our minds to finding a way to a long peace. We do not say a permanent peace. After all our minds are finite. We cannot forsee what the future holds, say a hundred years hence. We can only use our experience and the lessons of history, in guiding us to a plan, a flexible system, or a set of principles, which offer all the world the best chance of freedom from want and from fear. Having determined upon a plan and having put it into effect, then must follow that "eternal vigilance" which we are forced again to realize is the only guarantee of liberty.

We point out here one of the obstacles to a long time peace, which rises in every country on the globe. It is excessive nationalism.

We must learn to become citizens of the world. We must learn to be concerned when thousands of Jews are mowed down with machine guns and dumped in a common grave pit. We must feel the horrible truth that, when little children are deliberately starved to death in China and Greece, it could happen to our children. We think the German people were able to condone the crimes of their military leaders and their gestapo, because they lacked the imagination to conceive the terror and the suffering inflicted on other peoples. In an abstract way, they may feel that these crimes are terrible, but did not affect them or their children. Only the thunder of block busters can change that attitude. They are not immune to retribution and they too share in German expiation of crime.

There are two kinds of sin, omission and commission. We do not do the things we should do, or, we do the things we should not do. The Germans have done the things they should not do. We Americans have omitted to do the things we should have done. Who will say which is the greater fault. We do not know whether the League of Nations could have succeeded, but now we do know that by our failure to back it up with might and main, it failed. Our viewpoint at that time was provincially a national viewpoint. This war is a rebuke to all those complacent citizens who dreamed we could leave in peace and plenti, while the rest of the world suffered want and fear, and eventually all the pestilence of war, We must learn to be citizens of the world pursuing our way of life, but respecting and aiding others in their way of life.

We have adopted a good neighbor policy for the peoples of the New World. We may even be coddling our neighbors among the Latin Republics a little. Their love for us may be cupboard live, for the time being. But let us not be captious about it. In the long run we shall learn to know and respect them, and to find their interest and prosperity is bound up with ours. Let us give President Roosevelt's administration credit for the good neighbor policy, and let us expand that policy to include the whole world. When we shall finally become good neighbors to all nations, we shall have become citizens of a peaceful world. The long peace which we desire is more the responsibility of the United States than any other country, more even than that of the British Empire for the reason that we are pre-eminently the richest of all nations. We can afford to be good neighbors and to remain the wealthy and progressive nation that we are, we must be good neighbors.

MINERS FOUNDRY XMAS PARTY IS PATRIOTIC EVENT

One hundred persons, employes and guests, attended the Christmas party of the Miners Foundry and Supply Company Saturday afternoon doing honor to an industrial institution which has passed its 85th birthday, to its personnel now in the armed services and to the 75 employes who are divided into three shifts and thus far have produced 3,465,000 pounds of materials used in the war.

Richard Goyne, manager and master of ceremonies proposed teast and read the roll of thirteen former employes now in the armed services. They are Robert D. Proctor, Carl J. Hahn, John Shea, V. G. Herman,Jr., Frank F. Roberts, Robert B. Farmer, Wallace Brown, Richard Bryant, William C. Wagner, Robert E. Carr, Wendell H. Clark, Harry F. Goudge, and Elmo J. Williams.

Mayor Ben Hall in a brief address commended the workers for their devotion to their work and their achievement. City Clerk George Calanan, recalled the thirty five years he had spent in the foundry as a mechanic and praised the enterprise of its founder, W. H. Martin.

Mrs. Richard Goyne, daughter of the founder, regretted her father could not be present to see the foundry in its greatest production in a half century.

Roy Zimmerman, plant auditor and stock holder, recited in detail the various items for U. S. land, sea and air forces which have been produced.

The meeting was held in the new huge assembly shop constructed from the timbers and sheet iron siding and roofing of the New England Mine. Fires were lighted in iron drums to keep the company warm. An abundance of turkey sandwiches, side dishes and cheering potables were served.

REV. PORTER TO REMAIN WITH TRINITY PARISH

Rev. Cedric Porter will continue as pastor of Trinity Episcopal Church. He has declined a call to serve Christ Church at Eureka, California. Reverend Porter recently returned from Eureka in answer to a request for an interview in that city with the objective of transferring to the northern California city.

Nevada City parishioners may deeper appreciate the rendering of services locally by Reverend Porter in view of the fact that the Eureka offering was one of particularly attractive nature. Christ Church is of beautiful cathedral design and serves a parish of approximately four times the size of that of Nevada City. Eureka is the third largest city in northern California.

Reverend Porter's decision to continue his pastorate affiliation with Trinity was modestly summed up as a desire to see the Trinity church fully reestablished following the fire both as a structure and financially.

STATE CHAMBER OUTLINES POST WAR PRINCIPLES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—"Our government scrupulously refrain from any activity in business or industry when it can be successfully undertaken and conducted by private enterprise."

This principle of the American way of life constitutes the cornerstone of a comprehensive postwar program to be advocated by the California State Chamber of Commerce, it was announced today by Asa V. Call of Los Angeles, chairman of the Chamber's Committee on Postwar Economics.

The program as announced by Call, is the result of eighteen months of study by a broadly representative committee composed of California business and agricultural leaders. Under the broad policies set forth in the committee's report, and adopted by the State Chamber Board of Diectors, further specific recommendations are to be developed by the agricultural, industrial, transportation, natural resources, taxation, social security and other permanent committees of the State Chamber. The postwar plan, Call pointed out, falls into two classifications; those policies which are to be put into effect prior to, or in, the demobilization period; and those to be pursued in the postwar years.

Six of the policies to be advocated by the State Chamber deal with termination of war contracts, and are designed to simplify settlement procedure; speed payment of claims, and to free large amounts of working capital now invested in plants, machinery, equipment, and raw materials for production of war goods needed by the armed forces, thus enabling rapid conversion to production of civilian goods. The immediate objective of these policies, Call stated, will be "the most rapid and complete achievement of a high level of postwar production and employment."

With reference to the accumulation of postwar reserves by business, the State Chamber will urge that government cushion the shock of the abrupt termination of war business with a more liberal policy with respect to the accumulation of reserves, both through amendments to the war laws and through changes in the mandatory renegotiation laws.

Four recommendations deal with disposition of government owned plants and facilities. In pursuance of these recommendations the State Chamber will urge congress to enact legislation setting up an independent Commission to determine all policies for prompt and orderly disposition of lands, buildings, facilities, war plants, materials, and supplies acquired or constructed by the federal government for use in prosecution of the war; for restoration of such properties to private ownership and local tax rolls; provision that such properties shall not be used as government owned or operated properties in competition with private enterprise; and the appointment of industrial advisory committees by the Commission to aid the Commission in its relations with the various industries.

DONATION DAY WEDNESDAY IN GRASS VALLEY

Grass Valley schools will close for the Christmas holidays Wednesday at noon. Donation Day will be celebrated with a big parade in the afternoon in which all school children will march. The schools will reopen on January 4th.

The Grass Valley High School Band will lead the Donation Day parade, with majorettes in the van and the girls drill team following. After the students will come business and professional men.

All marchers will carry gifts for Grass Valley's needy. The march will end at the Elks Building where gifts will be deposited and sorted for distribution by the Ladies Relief Society.

BORN

COFFER—In Nevada City, Nevada County, December 18, 1943, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Coffer of Grass Valley, a daughter.

ALPHA STORES STAFF ENJOYS XMAS PARTY

The large staff of Alpha Stores, Ltd. celebrated Christmas Saturday evening on the mezzanine floor of the Nevada City store. Employes came down from Alleghany, Sierra County ,and from Grass Valley to join in the good time.

Fred F. Cassidy, general manager of the company presided at the distribution of Christmas gifts. Members of the staff now serving in the armed forces were specially honored. They are Tony Rom, Robert E. Carr, Jr., Edwin P. Pohley, Uno Koskie, Tom Legg, Elton Williams, Clinton Holland, Robert A. Hawkins and Joseph Sbaffi.

MECHANIC'S LIFE SAVED BY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Bernard Bowen, machinist employed by the Miners Foundry and Supply Company suffered a deep cut in his left thigh last night when his car skidded and went into the ditch on the curve west of Town Talk.

His life, was saved, according to Dr. Harry March, by Charles Parsons, vice principal of the Nevada City High School, who happened to be passing. Parsons applied a tourniquet which controlled the profuse bleeding from a severed artery. Hooper and Weaver Mortuary sent their ambulance and carried the injured man to the Nevada City Sanitarium.

YOUNG AIR CORPS MEN TO REST AT BRET HARTE

James Tyrrell, manager of the Bret Harte Inn, states that reservations have been made for 75 to 80 air force pilots, who are expected to arrive December 29th and remain for a week or ten days.

While the plans for their stay in Grass Valley, assumed to be for recreational purposes, were made under the auspices of the Dutch consul in San Francisco, Tyrrell stated he did not know whether the young pilots were Dutch, or whether they were American pilots under a lend-lease arrangement who are being trained for service in the Netherlands armed forces. They are at present at McClelland Field, Sacramento.

ELEVEN PASS TESTS AND GAIN U. S. CITIZENSHIP

Eleven persons successfully passed examinations and were admitted to United States citizenship in the superior court Friday. Judge George L. Jones, presiding. Walter C. Frame of Sacramento was the government examiner.

Natives of Italy admitted were Pietro Lucciani, Egidio Victorio, Borgnis, and Pietro J. Zadra, all of Grass Valley, Gino Angela Giovannoni and Mrs. Alaide Petroni, both of Truckee.

Natives of England were Mrs. Melly Toman Wearne, Mildred Jean Jory, Walter Day Mildred and Mrs. Kezia Bursill, all of Grass Valley.

Mrs. Ruby Rebeckah Marris, native of Scotland, and Victoria Joseph, native of Turkey, both of Grass Valley, were admitted.

Mrs. L. E. Taylor, acting for Manzanita Parlor, Native Daughters of the Golden West, following the oath of allegiance, presented the new citizens with small Bear and U. S. flags. Mrs. Luella Cooper, on behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary presented them each with a flag code.

Mrs. E. E. Barker and her son, E. M. Barker, spent the week end in their home on Main Street. Many friends were glad of the opportunity to greet them.

Mrs. Isabel Hefelfinger Heads Nurses Assn.

Mrs. Isabel Hefelfinger, Nevada City school nurse, has been chosen president of the Nevada County Nurses Association. Other officers chosen are Mrs. Shirley Stricqland, first vice president; Mrs. Helen Vanzi, second vice president; Mrs. Emily Lagesquist, secretary; Mrs. Mary Stuart, treasurer; Mrs. Clara Caddy andMrs. Letty Bagley, trustees.

Nevada County Attorneys Named to Work Committee

The California Bar has announced the appointment of the following attorneys in Nevada County to serve on the work committee:

James Snell, chairman, William J. Cassettari, Lynne Kelly, Vernon Stoll, all of Grass Valley; Harry M. McKee, H. Ward Sheldon, W. E. Wright, all of Nevada City.

Load of Magazines Delivered to Camp Beale

The load of magazines left in the Nugget office by interested persons to be taken to Camp Beale were taken out there in an army truck Saturday afternoon. It was a fine donation and as one of the boys said. "We sure need 'em these rainy days. Magazines may still be left at the Nugget office. Elwood Stone of the forest service is taking charge of prompt delivery of them to Camp Beale.

Gordon Bettles, Jap Prisoner, Writes Home

Mrs. Gordon Bettles yesterday received the first letter from her husband, a prisoner of the Japs in Manila, P. I. since the Philippines surrendered nearly two years ago.

She had learned from other sources that her husband was a prisoner, but this letter, stating that he was faring well, bore his own signature, though the letter itself was typed. It came to her through the International Red Cross. It stated that he was able to do considerable reading and exercising.

Mrs. Bettles, and her daughter, Mrs. William Tamblyn, Peggy and Madeline Bettles, were greatly relieved to get the letter. Gordon Bettles a mining engineer prior to the war had been employed in the Philippines gold mines for several years.

Last Rites for Mrs. Theresa Silva

The last rites were said in the chapel of the Holmes Funeral Home for the late Mrs. Theresa Silva, who passed away Thursday night at two o'clock p. m. yesterday. A rosary service was held Saturday evening. Interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

Mrs. Silva came to the United States with her parents when a young girl. For many years they lived at Selby Flat two miles outside Nevada City, but her later years were passed in this city. She has lived in Nevada County for half a century.

Children who mourn her passing are Mrs. Al Robinson, Mrs. Lester Jaynes, Mrs. Leone Owens, Mrs. Belle Hallett, Mrs. Fred Sweeney, all of Nevada City, Mrs. Charles Mosser of Grass Valley, and a son, Manuel Marks of San Francisco. Several grandchildren also survive.

Body of Grass Valley Citizen Brought Home

Funeral services for the late Paul Roman, who died Tuesday in a Richmond, California, hospital from injuries suffered when a truck struck him, were held Saturday afternoon in the chapel of Holmes Funeral Home in Grass Valley. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

Roman was 51 years of age, a native of Covington, Indiana, where he was employed in coal mining. He had lived in Grass Valley for five years, working in both the Lava Cap and Empire mines. Engaging in war industry he was employed by Flood Brothers of Wynhaven as a longshoreman.

He leaves a wife, Mrs. Sara Roman, two brothers, Charles and Eugene Roman, and a sister, Mrs. Ruby Graham, all of whom reside in the Middle West.

Mrs. Hal P. Davis left Thursday for San Francisco where she will spend the coming holidays with Maj. and Mrs. Burford on Yerba Buena Island. Mr. Davis, engineer employed in mine operations in Southern Arizona, will join her at Christmas.

INYO MAN HAS ISSUED DEFY TO BUREAUCRACY

Down in Lone Pine, Inyo County, there is a one-man rebellion against bureaucracy. The man is Rudie Henderson, not so long ago candidate for congress in the Second District. Rudie publishes a little monthly magazine called "Saw Dust', in which he makes the chips fly and then they lay where they have flown. In his personal column this month he defies bureaucracy. This is what he says and, we know, he does:

This writer is thoroughly disgusted with the constant harrassing and provocations of an army of bureaucratic investigators that have and are descending on our business. With the notable lone exception of a WPB investigator they have all appeared to be working on the theory that every man who is hiring people and producing or marketing anything is by nature dishonest. Thus far these various investigators have apparently decided that we are honest. But, with the above mentioned notable exception the balance have set themselves up as judge, jury and prosecutor in determining if any rules and regulations of their respective alphabetical bureaus have been broken.

This writer returned to Lone Pine shortly before midnight October 20, from a conference with attorneys in Los Angeles relative to hearings before a state bureau, to find a federal investigator sitting on the curb awaiting his return.

This investigator had been scrutinizing our books much of the day, and immediately upon our return informed us that he had found approximately 100 violations of Regulation W.

Regulation W pertains to customer's credits.

Accounts must be cut off if they have not been paid by the 10th of the second month following date of purchase; 1/3rd down must be collected before delivery of a stove; 20% down must be collected before delivery of household furnishings other than linoleum, which bounces over into the 1/3rd bracket; and far, far into the night.

That it is intended that we shall have many of these bureaucratic setups after the war is indicated by the ground work of this investigator. He flatly asserted that most merchants favored Regulation W and wanted it to continue after the war.

Any man in business who must have the government step in and regulate his credit has no right to survive.

Despite the fact that this investigator informed us that continued violations of Regulation W would result in the closing of our business. we hereby serve definite and conclusive notice on any interested persons or bureaus that we shall continue to use our own common sense in our credit regulations. If a prespective customer favors us with his business that may take three, four or five months to pay, and we feel that we can grant that extension, he shall continue to have it.

The majority of our good customers still have the privilege of purchasing what little restricted merchandise we have without the advance payment of one-third down.

We recall that the NRA steamroller collided with a pullet belonging to one Schretcher of Pennsylvania and the steam?roller completely disintegrated.

Call it bravado if you wish but the first bureaucratic agency that endeavors to clamp down our little business should get braced for another NRA collision. We believe that the court of our land will recognize that this is still a country where law-abiding business and industry have some rights that must be respected.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto E. Schiffner arrived home Sunday from Angels Camp and will remain in Nevada City until after Christmas. Mr. Schiffner is general manager of the Keystone mine at Copperopolis, which is near Angels Camp.

Miss Betty Jacobs, who is attending University of California, will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobs.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Gladness will be tinged with sadness in many homes this year on Christmas Day because of loved ones missing from the family circle—the sons and brothers and husbands and fathers who have answered their country's call to the colors. Mothers, as they prepare the usual sumptuous feasts, will pray, silently, as they work in their kitchens for the older boy who may be in a far-distant army camp, or sailing one of the seven seas on a grim battlewagon. Wives, whose husbands are somewhere "over there," will keep the tears out of their eyes, so that their children can have a Merry Christmas. And in almost every home, there will be vacant chairs, as the family sits down to Christmas dinner—chairs that we all pray fervently won't be vacant when next Christmas season rolls around.

But with all its somber overtones, this Christmas will be a much happier Christmas than we have had for two years past. For even though peace has not yet come to our world, and there will be hard, tragic days ahead, we at least know that our armies are marching triumphantly toward victory and a glad hour when the enemies of peace will have been vanquished. Long before next Christmas, in all probability, the Nazi hordes will have been brought to submission—and peace will have come to Europe. Whether we can hope that the Japanese phase of the war will be ended by that time is problematical, but at any rate the day of victory, at next Christmas time, will not be far distant. Of that we are all supremely confident.

At this Christmas season we should have hearts full of gratitude that we were able to make ready to meet the enemy before it was irrevocably "too late." We should be eternally grateful that our own community, our own state and our own nation have been spared the horror of death and devastation that has taken fearful toll of the civilian populations in other lands. We can still afford to say "Merry Christmas," with full hearts and glad voices. For as long as Christmas is celebrated by free men, there is the radiant, reassuring hope that peace will come again to our earth.

HITLER'S FINAL BATTLE

The problem of maintaining order among the several thousand Japs interned at Tule Lake and other centers has occasioned much public anxiety. But it isn't a circumstance to the worry of Germans concerning potential enemies interned in their midst—the prisoners of war and foreign laborers now concentrated by millions within the boundaries of the Reich.

Since Hitler first saw fit to fill out the war-thinned ranks of German labor with Poles, Italians, Ukrainians, Frenchmen, Russians, Dutchmen, Belgians, and Slavs, the Fatherland has constantly increased foreign conscription. Today it is playing suspicious host to over 12 million of its natural enemies.

The difficulties involved from the first have been enormous and today they weigh like the hand of doom on the German home front. Even before the Berlin bombing, nine million Nazis were homeless. Keeping millions of prisoners fed, housed and under control in the fields, arsenals and industries must soon become a task too vast even for the machine gun methods of the Gestapo.

Already evidence is at hand that the impounding of labor battalions from the overrun, Nazi-hating countries was another great tactical error on the part of the Fuehrer. At the first crack in the Nazi home armor, Poles and Dutchmen will be there to crack it further ,and Slavs and Russians will stand ready to widen the breach. The bloodiest battles of any modern war may be fought, as never before, on German soil, with an invader brought unwillingly into the Reich at Hitler's own order.

The preliminaries for the last Nazi battles may be simmering now, among the millions of war prisoners in the ammunition factories, sub nests and bomber plants of Hitler's own "impregnable' Fatherland.

FOUR MEN'S PLANS

Enough time has passed by, now, since Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Chiang met and discussed plans for the future conduct of the war—and the future of the world—for most of us to evaluate what was said, and what could not be said, after their meetings.

Necessarily, what was said is less than what was left unsaid, for military considerations enter in. We can all agree, heartily, in the plan to strip Japan down to a third rate power, and to take from her the possessions she had won by riding rough shod over the rights of other nations. And we will all agree, too, on the need of a "second front"—when, in the judgment of our military leaders, that front can be opened.

Militarily, our fate is in the hands of those four men—Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin and Chiang—and we can only hope that, with the aid of their general staffs, they have planned well and that the ultimate victory will be won with a miniimum loss of human life. But as for the future of the world—the blue-print of how we are to live in the future, and how we are to live at peace with each other—we hope that that blueprint will be presented to the people of each country, fully and clearly and in time so that each nation can pass on it.

Four men can not settle the fate of the world. But the people of four nations may—at least for many generations to come. In view of what happened before, and its sad consequences, we hope that this time we shall actually have "open covenants, openly arived at"—and not just the words, without the fact to give them meaning.

ALONG THE HOME FRONT

By EDW. C. UREN

Me and Maw ain't eatin' like we was
But there's nothin' wrong with either of our jaws.
This rationin' stuff has got us agoin'
'Cause we ain't got the points or we ain't got the coin.

We planned this year to plant a little plot
So we spaded and hoed and pulverized a lot.
We followed the cows with a scoop and a pan
And fertilized things according to plan.

The dawg gone cabbage 'stead of headin' like it should
Shot up to the sky like a hollyhock would.
A six legged beetle had fed on the leaves
'Till they looked like curtains wavin' in the breeze.

Our harvest of spuds could hardly be found
We didn't get back what we'd put in the ground.
The best you could say, the durned things was round
And it took about twenty to make up a pound.

Raised from seed in the kitchen's warm air
And coddled along with a mother's fond care
The tomatoes stayed green the whole summer long
'Till Jack Frost came and put the kibosh on.

Now Paw's got so he's actin' mighty queer,
He comes home at night so durned full of beer
That he dassent stoop over or he'd go glug! glug!
Like the gurgling noise from a tilted jug.

But Paw ain't always been that way.
He usta come home a'feelin pretty gay
'Twas nothin' to fret about—happened every day
A nip or two of tonic made him want to play.

But paw's quit drinkin' since the stuff got high
And the barkeep's motions too fast for the eye
For his thirty cents Paw's been feelin' quite hurt
'Cause all he was gettin' was just a little squirt.

FARMERS ALL SET TO BUY TOOLS OF WAR

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20. — The "hunger" of California farmers for army owned jeeps, trucks, tractors, temporary (demountable type) housing and other salvage material which will be available after victory is shown clearly in a survey made by Lyman Lantz, Assistant State Director of Agriculture.

Mr. Lantz made the survey in connection with plans of a statewide committee on farm labor housing to make it possible, through national legislation or otherwise, for farmers to have the first option for the purchase of armed forces material which they can use on the food front.

Questions were asked of County Farm Production Committee in 42 counties. In most cases, the preparation of the estimates was the work of the County Farm Production Committees and the County Agricultural Commissioners.

Combined requests of 22 counties were for 27,000 jeeps, 20,000 trucks, 17,000 tractors.

Requests came from 28 counties for 21,420 family (two bedroom) housing uits. (Complete and reconstructed on farm property.)

Estimates of what farmers could afford to pay for the housing units ranged from $200 to $7,000.

Requests came from 16 counties for 1900 trailer camp units.

As for lumber reclaimed from temporary housing, farmers asked for an opportunity to buy 80,000,000 board feet.

Would farmers of California like to operate through a state wide purchasing plan wherbye they could buy all types postwar materials, ranging from walkie-talkies to bull dozers? The reply to that question was unanimous—everyone was for that.

With these facts on hand, Lantz called a meeting of the Statewide Committee on Defense Workers' Housing for Agriculture (postwar) which was held last Friday.

"We can now do some positive planning," said the Assistant State Director of Agriculture. "If amendments to existing federal or state laws are necessary, plans for introducing such measures must be made without delay."

Mr. Lantz, as the representative of the state department of agriculture and the state board of agriculture, is working closely with W. P. Parker, director of the California Farm Production Council, and federal and state officials concerned with housing programs and administration.

"It appears to us that California farmers have a first class opportunity to obtain this postwar housing and through its use to greatly improve farm labor housing conditions" he said. "On the basis of the information we have now it may be that we can negotiate with the National Housing Agency and the Federal Public Housing Authority for the first option for farmers on the demountable type of defense workers housing of which there are approximately 20,000 family size units in California."

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MRS. MARY ELLEN MEEK PASSES IN SACRAMENTO

CAMPTONVILLE, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Mary Ellen Meek, widow of the late William B. Meek, died Thursday afternoon, in a private sanitarium in Sacramento where she has been confined with illness and failing health for the past several years.

Deceased was a native of Browns Valley, Yuba County, and the daughter of the late Jerry Robbins, pioneer stage driver who was killed by the Indians in Modoc County when his stage was attacked by them in the early days. She was 86 years of age.

She married William B. Meek and resided in this community her entire life with the exception of the past few years when she was confined with illness at Sacramento.

She was a woman of sterling character, charitable and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew her. She was ever willing to extend a helping hand, and played an important part during the pioneer days of this community. She was known as "Molly Meek" to her intimate friends, was of a jovial nature and added much to the life of her community.

Although gone from here for the past few years, she was always in the minds of her many friends here, and although her passing was more or less expected at any time, yet it came as a shock to the community.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Earl L. Cleveland of Sacramento and Mrs. Virginia M. Lord, Matron of the Masonic Home at Decoto; her oldest daughter, Mrs. Fred J. Joubert passed away a few years ago.

Three grandchildren, Judge A. M. Cleveland of this place, Lieut. John F. Lord, in the U. S. Navy now serving somewhere in the South Pacific, and Miss Lesta H. Joubert, Dean of Women in the Marysville Union High School, at Marysville, and one great-granddaughter, Miss Earlyne A. Cleveland of Sacramento.

Following funeral services interment to be made in the family plot in the local Masonic Cemetery.

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SUBSIDIES ARE CONDEMNED AS KIND OF BRIBERY

By RALPH H. TAYLOR

It takes strong language sometimes to wake up the American people to the dangers inherent in unsound and extreme government proposals—language such as was used by Joe Montague, counsel for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, when he told the Senate Agriculture Committee that subsidies are a form of "'bribery and blackmail."

When he was challenged by a member of the senate committee to substantiate his charge that subsidy payments are equivalent to bribes and blackmail, the Texas cattleman's representative made a forthright, unequivocal statement that might well be read and pondered by every American citizen who hopes to gain temporary advantages through the subsidy program.

Declared the outspoken Texan:

"The bribery that I refer to is that system that became so prevalent in our lives—the offering of a payment to an individual as a dole or gratuity. The price demanded or extracted is the surrender of personal liberty.

"The blackmail comes in when a person is penalized, through denial of gratuities and even fines and imprisonment, because he refuses to accept the doles."

Inherent in such a system, charged Mr. Montague, are the seeds of dictatorship. For those whom the government supports—and those who can be condemned to bankruptcy by refusal to accept such support—are both in immediate danger of losing their political liberty as well as their economic freedom.

There are many and convincing arguments against the government's food subsidy program. Subsidies, for one thing, are simply a clumsy way of postponing the day of reckoning. And no subsidies would be required to roll back prices, if the OPA would "squeeze the water out of the stock" as this column has suggested before, and stop allowing extortionate profits—far beyond any ever allowed before—to food brokers and middlemen.

But the most powerful argument yet raised against subsidies is that raised by Mr. Montague—the undeniable fact that if we take doles from government, we must expect to take dictation from government.

American farmers, if the subsidy system is allowed to continue and flourish, will be reduced to the same status as wards of the county poorhouse. And American consumers, if they accept the dubious "benefits" of such a system, will also become government wards—subject to any whim of their government overlords.

That is the basic fault in the whole subsidy program; that it is predicated on the theory that the individual is unable to care for himself and must be cared for by a paternalistic government. And the inmates of a charity ward, as we all know, are not free men and women — in the sense that other members of society are free, who fend for themselves, take their own risks and make their own living.

Let's look at this situation squarely and see what it boils down to.

The United States government has no wealth, except the wealth it collects from the American people in taxes. Our government has nothing except what we give it. When it pays us subsidies, it pays them with our own money!

Then what is comes to is this: When the bright boys in Washington tell us that we can only survive by government subsidies, what they are actually telling us is that they are better able to spend our money than we are; that they can distribute it better—and that we will all fare better, if we let the brain trusters and the master-minds do our thinking and spending for us.

For the subsidies they pay us—if we permit them to do it—will be paid with our money, or from borrowed money that we must later repay. And the few cents we may profit today we will repay with compound interest tomorrow.

And when you add to that the fact that we must yield more and more of our independence, in direct ratio to the subsidies we permit and accept, why in the name of common sense should any right minded thinking American support a subsidy program? There is only one answer to that question. The subsidy scheme is a hangover from the spend ourselves rich era which played havoc with America, the era when we were told that government debt wasn't important anyway, because we only owed it to ourselves—didn't we? And if congress is thinking stralght, it will kill the whole loony business!

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WOMEN WANT TO REMAIN AT WORK IN INDUSTRIES

By LEONE BAXTER

With more officiously probing questionnaires to answer than Hitler has headaches, it is not surprising that the public occasionally turns in some very peculiar replies to various investigating agencies. It's up to the officials, presumably, to determine which answers are bona fide and which are simply the Great American Sense of Humor working overtime.

If the expressions of Southern California women war workers in a recent questionnaire concerning their post war intentions, are gospel—then California just can't take it. And if the answers are echoed by women in other states—neither can he nation.

According to the record, 75 per cent of the women now in defense plants want to stay there after the war. Only one in four has any desire to return to her home duties!

That may make sense, somehow, to the women who filled in the answers, but there are countless reasons why it doesn't make sense to a country where millions of homes are suffering for want of the womenfolk who have patriotically filled out the gaps left when ten million men went off to war; where millions of children are living under unnatural conditions which must certainly be remedied immediately the peace flags fly again. That important job is the natural responsibility, the heritage of women.

Whether it is fortunate or not, practically every one of this state's million and a half new residents, invited here by the war boom, find they like California a lot better than Texas, Colorado, Florida or wherever else they came from. They plan to remain here after the war is over and war industries are no more. Only one and one half per cent, according to the surveys, have any thought of leaving! That means that California must create perhaps a half million peace time jobs for workers who were the pre war responsibility of other states.

Foremost of all groups to be considered when post war jobs are being distributed are the California boys—our own veterans. There will be nearly a half million of them. Some, the wounded, already are filtering back across the seas, and work that they can handle must certainly be found for them.

After the war, people of other sections of this hemisphere will suddenly remember that this state is a land of sunshine and sparkling water, snow crested mountains and nestling green valleys. They will come again to breathe its air, to vacation, as as always, many will remain.

California must strive to provide for all these. There will be little welcome in the job market for women whose desire it may be to continue unnecessarily to do men's work after the war. While their performance now in handling rough, tough, heavy and dirty jobs often beyond their strength, can beviewed only as a spectacular patriotic gesture, it will not seem either spectacular nor patriotic after the war. Particularly it will not seem so to men.

Unsupported by the clamor of war duty, by the pride of working for Uncle Sam, by favorable public opinion or acceptance either on the job or off it, most women would be mighty unhappy in their dirty overalls. We hope the gals were joking—or that they change their minds.

Only 100 tons of explosives were dropped by American planes on enemy lines in the 47 days of the Meuse-Argonne battle in World War I.

Cash income from fruit and vegetables in California during the first six months of 1943 was $618,985,000, compared with $448,394,000 in the same period in 1942.

California national forests ranked third in national forest receipts in 1942 with $976,131, exceeded only by the Pacific Northwest and Southern regions.

The first mass flight from the mainland to Hawaii was made by six Navy planes which left San Francisco on January 10, 1934, and reached Pearl Harbor 24 hours and 56 minutes later. Such flights are now commonplace.

Seventeen year old Eugene Starkey of Tehama County has been designated by the Future Farmers of America as the "star state farmer." of California.

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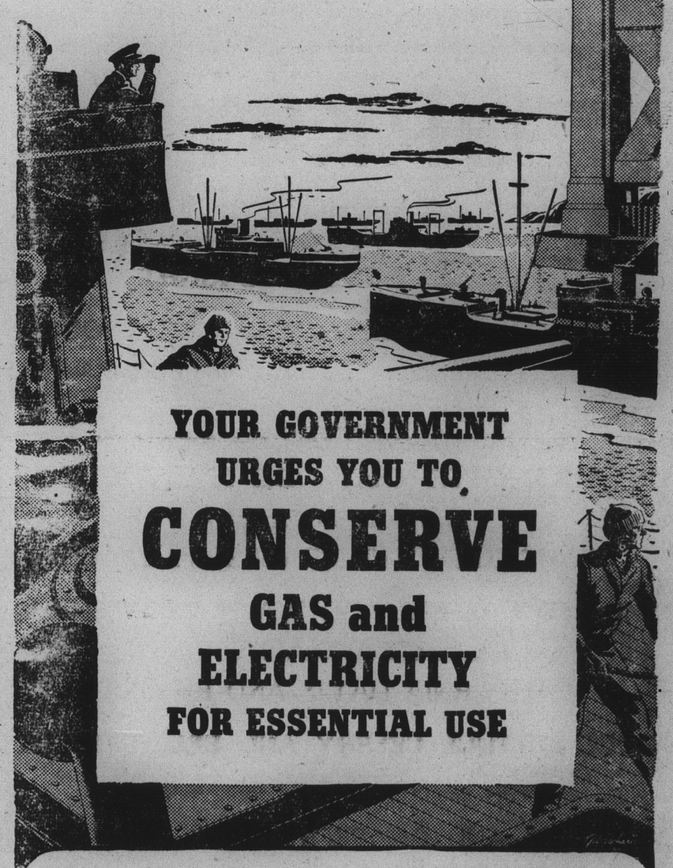
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S Sgt. Don M. Mayhew—

Friends in Nevada City have received the news of the marriage of Staff Sergeant Don M. Mayhew and Eleanor Olson of Chicago, at a charming wedding in the post chapel at Stinson Field, San Antonio, Texas. The bride is a corporal in the WACc, assigned to U. S. Army ordnance.

Fred Angilini—

Fred Angilini who enlisted in the CBs a year ago, returned to his training station Friday after a ten day visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Angilini. Since leaving the Pacific Coast he has been stationed near Gulfport, Miss.

Cpl. Robert Farmer—

Mrs. Douglass Farmer received a letter from her son, Cpl. Robert Farmer, now in the cadre at Camp Albany, Oregon. He had just received the monthly paper edited by the Tahoe national forest and in it was a spray of cedar for the yuletide season. Robert was so delighted with the spicy cedar and it made him long to be back in this section among the trees.

Max Solaro—

Max Solaro, who enlisted in the CBs last spring, sent greetings to Mr. and Mrs. Leete and his many friends early this week. He is in camp at Gulfport, Miss. He said he was in fine shape, liked his food, the work and companions. He stated Everett Robinson of this city is in another batallion in the same camp. He is proud of the record accomplished by the CBs and the U. S. Navy. In ending his letter he stated he hoped to see everyone at Christmas time and he would enjoy a visit in good old Nevada City.

Cadet Cecil G. Schiffner—

U. S. Navy Pre-Flight School, St. Mary's College, Calif. Dec. 20—Cecil G. Schiffner of Nevada City has successfully completed his three months ground school, military and physical conditioning course at the Navy Pre-Flight School at St. Mary's College and will be transferred this week to the Naval Air Station at Livermore, Calif., it was announced today by Commander Clyde W. King, preflight commanding officer.

At St. Mary's pre-flight, Cadet Schiffner took an academic course that included celestial navigation, essentials of naval service, advanced aerology and advanced recognition of ships and planes. His military arts courses included communications, seamanship, gunnery and first aid.

For physical conditioning he engaged in many competitive sports, among them swimming, boxing, wrestling, football, basketball, hand-to-hand combat, tumbling and gymnastics, military track and soccer.

As part of the St. Mary's preflight graduation ceremonies, Cadet Schiffner participated in a regimental review which was received by Commanding Officer Clyde W. King.

Sgt. Ainsley Fouyer—

Mrs. Carl J. Tobiassen, wife of Sheriff Tobiassen, has received a letter, V Mail, from Sgt. Ainsley Fouyer of the U. S. Marines, a buddy of her own sons of long standing.

Excerpts from the letter follow: "I guess you know why I have not written for some time. We have been in action again. This time at Tarawa and it was really tough. Those yellow beggars gave us some hell. Luck was sure with me as I came pretty close to getting bumped off. They had our number for awhile. I guess you have read of the heavy casualties, so I can really be thankful I came through O K."

Cpl. Carl J. Tobiassen—

As instructor in gunnery, Corp. Carl J. Tobiassen, U. S. Marine Corps, sometime since suffered an irritation in his ears, which necessitated his hospitalization in the San Diego Naval Hospital. It was reported he had left the hospital but his mother, Mrs. Carl Tobiassen of this city states this is an error, that he is still in the hospital and may remain there for some time.

Russell Moyle—

Russell Moyle, first class boatswain, is enjoying a ten day leave at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Clemo of Gold Flat. He has been in the service four years and is now stationed in San Francisco.

Sgt. Walter Mullis—

Sgt. Walter Mullis, who is attending dental college in the U. S. Army at the University of California, will arrive Wednesday to spend Christmas at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Mullis and other relatives.

Pvt. Millard C. Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chorles Hurst, of the Gold Flat district, is with the U. S. Air Forces heavy equipment division. He is stationed at a field near Fresno.

George Macartney—

George Macartney, son of Mrs. Lulu Macartney of Indian Flat, is now attending Princeton University, New Jersey. He saw active duty with the U. S. Navy during the past spring and summer and spent a leave here early in the fall. George is one of three brothers serving his country. He would be pleased to hear from his many friends in Nevada City and classmates. George's address is George Macartney, 186 Little Hall, Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

George Strach—

Mrs. George Strach Wednesday received a letter from her son George Strach, stating that he expects to have a thirty day furlough very soon and that he will be very happy to come home. He has been in the Pacific for two years, eighteen months of which have been on duty in the Solomons. Mrs. Strach states that this news of a furlough is the nicest Christmas present that she could have.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Swazey of North San Juan were Nevada City visitors Thursday. He is receiving treatment for his spine injured several years ago in an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Haddy of San Francisco will spend the Christmas and New Years holidays in their home on Park avenue. He is engaged in war work.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Davey will leave this week for Santa Maria where they will spend Christmas with their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Muller Chapman, and son, Bobby. It is the first time the Davey family has not held a reunion in their own home on Prespect street at Christmas. Their oldest son, Russell, and wife of Grass Valley will spend Christmas with Mrs. Davey's family in Arizona. The second son, Charles Davey, recently married and employed in war work in Washington will, with his wife, spend the holidays in her parents home in Massachusetts.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sikes have moved into the Odegaard house on Broad street. They have lived in the Janis house four years. It was sold recently.

FOREST SERVICE CHEERS ITS MEN IN U. S. FORCES

The latest "Tahoe Sentinel, Tahoe National Forest," a typed monthly paper issued in sheet form is sent out to all former employees who are now in the service. Included in the group are WACs as well as men in the different branches of the U. S. services. Many interesting notes on activities of the staff of officers of the Tahoe national forest as well as those in the services livens up the little paper. A bright cheery introduction greets the reader on the first page giving a Yuletide message to all. "News from the Field" carries information of the local men in the different field branches. "Visrtors and Mail" and "Last Minute Happenings" come next.

Under "Visitors and Mail' names familiar to local people are Ens. Nolan O'Neal, U. S. N., now stationed at San Pedro; Lt. Charles Howard, former CCC boy and shop mechanic, is with an armored outfit as maintenance man; Pvt. Albert C. Miller, engineer regiment. Camp Claiborne, La., Big Bend patrolman last season; Eddie Kan, employed by Ranger Pete Land in 1942 is now in U. S. N. R. training school; Cpl. Oliver Paige, Arizona boy who formerly worked on Banner Mt. has an APO address New York; besides many others sending in interesting letters.

"Around the S. O." another title that carries many interesting bits of local news. "Last Minute Happenings," carries much of interest also; Those working on the districts this winter, Bloomfield, Conover, Jurst and Konecny; Big Bend—Fox, Bigley; Camptonville — Chatfield, Lively; Downieville—Nelson, Johnson, Fisher; Forest Hill—Martz, Sierraville—Dickey, Chapman; Truckee—Stone, Cozzalio, Lundell, and Curran.

Editor in chief of the "Tahoe Sentinel" is Guerdon Ellis, supervisor of the Tahoe national forest and Ellwood M. Stone, is associate editor.

TRUCKEE AREA YIELDS 390 BUCKS IN SEASON

With aid of information compiled from deer tags by State Game Warden Wm. YaMarr, it has been calculated that three hundred ninety deer were killed by hunters on the Truckee district, Tahoe national forest, during the past season, reports District Ranger H. I. Snider.

The area in which the bucks were killed roughly covers from Chambers Lodge to the west and north of Lake Tahoe, thence to the west edge of the Hellhole area, thence north along the Sierra Mt. divide to and along the divide between Sagehen and Little Truckee Canyons, thence along the divide between the junction of those canyons to the Nevada-California state line and to the north edge of Lake Tahoe in California.

Mapping of the deer kill locations reveal the concentration to be around Truckee, Hellhole, and Juniper Creek drainage.

With forty two per cent of the bucks taken being in the two-pointer class, and only one and sixty-three hundredths per cent over four pointer class, it is readily determined the deer are being hunted quite thoroughly and not many become five year olds or over before they become the hunters victim.

Besides obtaining meat supply, hunters contributed materially to the war effort by turning in eighty eight deer hides to forest service dispatcher Curran, Boy Scout council committee member at Truckee, who salted them and shipped them to a tanning company to be made into gloves or other similar clothing needed for our soldiers. After freight charges were deducted, a net of ninety dollars was received from the tanning company and that money was turned over to boy scouts organizations at Truckee, Snider states.

Only one forest fire on the Truckee district was chargeable to hunters this year and that was extinguished near Truckee without damage. Snider commends the hunters for their good record in that respect also.

Gas Tax Revenue Drops $7,000,000 in 10 Months

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 20.—Recovering almost half of the 16 per cent loss registered in September, California gasoline taxes for October were only 7 per cent under those for the corresponding month a year ago, despite the fact that ration coupons were reduced in value on October 11 from 4 to 3 gallons.

The State Board of Equalization made this revelation here today upon completion of a tax assessment of $4,334,633 based on distribution of 144,487,755 gallons of motor vehicle fuel during October. Contrasting this with the tax of $4,660,469 for the some month of last year he pointed out that there has been a decline of $325,836 in the monthly gasoline tax yield.

Reviewing the figures for 1942 and 1943, it is revealed the total of the first ten months of the current year is $40,635,754 which is $7,500,000 under the corresponding amount last year.

Ants, like humans, sometimes adopt expansionist policies and wage wars of conquest.

RUMANIANS HOLD 67 U. S. AIRMEN IN LUXURY JAIL

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 20.—Sixty seven American airmen who were captured after the spectacular bombing of the Ploesti oil refineries in Rumania this summer are being held as prisoners of war in Sinaia, Rumania, according to a report just received from a representative of the International Red Cross Committee.

Sinaia, formerly the summer residence of the Rumanian royal family, is a famous resort on its own account. Located in the great forests of the Carpathian Mountains, not far from Varfaul cu Dor (Nostalgia Peak), it is one of the healthiest places in Europe.

The American airmen, according to the representative are being held in L'Hotel des Bains, formerly a luxurious health resort, which has been turned into a military hospital for the duration. Maintained by the Rumanian Red Cross, the hospital, said the representative, is well equipped with a former University of Bucharest professor as surgeon.

When the International Red Cross Committee representative inspected the place recently, the breakfast consisted of two pieces of bread, marmalade and tea, and lunch, white cheese, two tomatoes, vermicelli soup summer squash, stuffed with meat and served with sour cream, rolls and stewed fruits. At noon each day the prisoners received a bottle of beer and on Sundays half a bottle of wine.

Of the original sixty seven captured Americans, the representative found that one had died but all the others were recovering from their wounds.

FROSTED WINDSHIELD

Motorists, you don't know what you're missing if your windshield and windows are covered with frosty vapor on the inside. And you don't know how soon you'll hit something either. The Public Safety Department of the National Automobile Club suggests that if you don't have a defroster in your car, have a window open enough to clear the glass for your vision.

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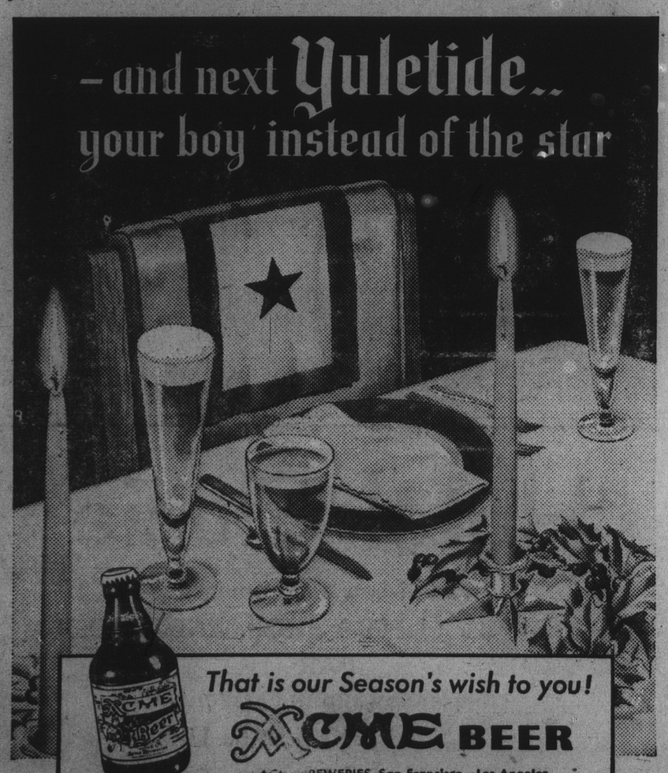
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